

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A quality assured network service provision system compatible with a multi-domain network, wherein

a communication network comprising a plurality of operations management networks (domains) which are connected to a plurality of customer networks with user terminals and which are respectively managed by different providers, the system comprising:

a network service management device ~~for collectively managing device clusters~~ incorporated within an operations management network of each of said providers, and negotiating with another operations management network which is managed by another provider and with which interconnection is to be established based on a required quality level from a customer so as to ensure an end-to-end quality level; and

a service broker device at ~~the functional host layer of said network service management device cluster~~ for storing information on the operations management networks managed by the respective providers, and brokering a service agreement between the operations management networks of said plurality of providers.

2. (Currently Amended) The quality assured network service provision system compatible with a multi-domain network according to claim 1, wherein

said network service management device comprises an outputting device for outputting information on services which can be provided by each of said providers and domain information to ~~[[said]]~~ a multi-service broker; and

said service broker device comprises a device for storing output information from each network service management device, selecting a network service management device of a domain which will satisfy a required quality level when a network service request is generated by a customer, and issuing instructions for